

I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface comprising a channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm,

the channel having a first section, and a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the first second section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and third sections second section when measured in a direction perpendicular to along said longitudinal axis; and (ii) having disposed therein one of a male portion or a female portion of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width of up to about 12 mm.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 10 mm.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 8 mm.

Claim 5 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, the channel having disposed therein the female portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

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Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the female portion comprises a female attachment portion and a base portion.

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Claim 7 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 6, wherein the base portion has a larger surface area than a surface area of the female attachment portion attached thereto.

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14 Claim 8' (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the base portion is encompassed by the foam pad.

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13 Claim 9' (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 6, wherein the female attachment portion spans the width of the channel second section.

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13 Claim 10' (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 6, wherein the female attachment portion comprises a clip portion.

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17 Claim 11' (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 10, wherein the clip portion comprises a substantially U-shaped cross-section.

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17 Claim 12' (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 11, wherein U-shaped cross-section comprises a pair of generally upstanding walls defining a locking region therebetween for receiving a male portion of the male-female trim cover attachment system.

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19 Claim 13 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 12, wherein a distal portion of each of the upstanding walls comprises a locking portion for engaging the attachment portion of the element to be attached.

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20 Claim 14 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 13, wherein the locking portion comprises a first lateral portion projecting substantially toward the locking region.

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21 Claim 15 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 14, wherein the first lateral portion projects angularly with respect to the pair of generally upstanding walls.

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20 Claim 16 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 13, wherein the locking portion comprising a hook-shaped portion.

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Claim 17 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the foam pad comprises a plurality of female portions disposed in the channel.

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6 Claim 18 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 17, wherein the plurality of female portions are independent of one another.

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Claim 19 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined
in claim 17, wherein the plurality of female portions are
interconnected to one another with at least one connecting
portion.

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Claim 20 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim
5, wherein the female portion is constructed from a polymer.

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Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 20, wherein the polymer is selected from the
group consisting of thermoset polymer and thermoplastic
polymers.

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Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The foam defined
in claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected
from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene and
mixtures thereof.

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Claim 23 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim
21, wherein the thermoset polymer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 24 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising the other of the male portion or the female portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 25 (Original) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim 24.

Claims 26-49 (Cancelled)

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Claim 50 (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface having molded therein an open channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm, the open channel having ~~the channel having~~ a first section, and a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the second ~~first~~ section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and third sections ~~second section~~ when measured in a direction ~~perpendicular to~~ along said longitudinal axis; and (ii) disposed in a portion thereof at least one female portion of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment

system, the female portion comprising a female attachment portion and a base portion.

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Claim 52²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the channel has a maximum width of up to about 12 mm.

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Claim 52²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 10 mm.

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Claim 52²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 8 mm.

Claim 54 (Cancelled)

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Claim 55²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50⁵⁴, wherein the base portion has a larger surface area than a surface area of the female attachment portion attached thereto.

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Claim 56 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
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defined in claim 55, wherein at least a portion of the base
portion is encompassed by the foam pad.

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Claim 57 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined
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in claim 50-54, wherein the female attachment portion spans
the width of the channel second section.

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Claim 58 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined
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in claim 50-54, wherein the female attachment portion
comprises a clip portion.

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Claim 59 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
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defined in claim 58, wherein the clip portion comprises a
substantially U-shaped cross-section.

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Claim 60 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
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defined in claim 59, wherein U-shaped cross-section comprises
a pair of generally upstanding walls defining a locking
region therebetween for receiving a male portion of the male-
female trim cover attachment system.

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Claim 61 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 60, wherein a distal portion of each of the
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upstanding walls comprises a locking portion for engaging the attachment portion of the element to be attached.

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Claim 62 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 61, wherein the locking portion comprises a first lateral portion projecting substantially toward the locking region.

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Claim 63 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 62, wherein the first lateral portion projects angularly with respect to the pair of generally upstanding walls.

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Claim 64 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 61, wherein the locking portion comprising a hook-shaped portion.

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Claim 65 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 50, wherein the foam pad comprises a plurality of female portions disposed in the channel.

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Claim 66 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 65, wherein the plurality of female portions are independent of one another.

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Claim 67 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 65, wherein the plurality of female portions
are interconnected to one another at least one connecting
portion.

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Claim 68 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 50, wherein the female portion is
constructed from a polymer.

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Claim 69 (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim 50, further comprising a trim cover attached
thereto, the trim cover comprising a male portion of the
releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment
system.

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Claim 70 (Previously Presented) A vehicular seat
comprising the foam pad defined in claim 69. 44

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Claim 71 (Currently Amended) A foam pad
comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the
surface having molded therein an open channel having a
longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm,

the open channel having a first section, and a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the second ~~first~~ section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and second sections ~~second~~ section when measured in a direction orthogonal to along said longitudinal axis; and (ii) having disposed in a portion thereof plurality of female portions of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system, the female portion comprising a clip portion and a base portion, molded into the foam pad.

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Claim 72 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 71, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising a male portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

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Claim 73 (Previously Presented) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim 72.

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